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One entry found for **rigid**.

Main Entry: **rig-id**

Pronunciation: 'rɪ-ʒɪd

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English *rigide*, from Middle French or Latin; Middle French, from Latin *rigidus*, from *rigere* to be stiff

Date: 15th century

1 a : deficient in or devoid of flexibility <*rigid* price controls> <a *rigid* bar of metal> **b** : appearing stiff and unyielding <his face *rigid* with pain>

2 a : inflexibly set in opinion **b** : strictly observed <adheres to a *rigid* schedule>

3 : firmly inflexible rather than lax or indulgent <a *rigid* disciplinarian>

4 : precise and accurate in procedure <*rigid* control of the manufacturing process>

5 of an airship : having the outer shape maintained by a fixed framework

- **rig-id-ly** *adverb*

- **rig-id-ness** *noun*

synonyms RIGID, RIGOROUS, STRICT, STRINGENT mean extremely severe or stern. RIGID implies uncompromising inflexibility <*rigid* rules of conduct>. RIGOROUS implies the imposition of hardship and difficulty <the *rigorous* training of recruits>. STRICT emphasizes undeviating conformity to rules, standards, or requirements <*strict* enforcement of the law>. STRINGENT suggests severe, tight restriction or limitation <*stringent* standards of admission>. **synonym** see in addition **STIFF**

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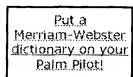
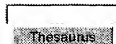
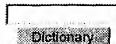
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Main Entry: **ri-gid-i-ty** 4

Pronunciation: rĭ-ˈjĭ-dē-tē

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form(s): *plural -ties*

Date: 1624

1: the quality or state of being rigid

2: one that is rigid (as in form or conduct)

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\&\ as e in kitten	\E\ as ea in easy	\oi\ as oy in boy
\&r\ as ur/er in further	\g\ as g in go	\th\ as th in thin
\a\ as a in ash	\i\ as i in hit	\th\ as th in the
\A\ as a in ace	\I\ as i in ice	\&\ as o in foot
	\j\ as j in job	\u\ as oo in foot

